Q. "what did you do in middle school?"

KANDA SAKI
YEAR 2, CLASS 1
SOFT TENNIS CLUB

I WAS ON THE SWIM TEAM IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, SO I WAS REALLY TAN.

KAJI RYOUKO
YEAR 3, CLASS 8

I WAS STILL SERIOUS BACK THEN, SO I EVEN DID SOME STUDYING.

FURUYA JUN
YEAR 2, CLASS 1
CLASS REP.
BROADCASTING CLUB
PRESIDENT

→

S... STOP, IT'S EMBARRASSING...

TAKANO CHIZURU
YEAR 2, CLASS 4
WIND ENSEMBLE

I PLAYED TRUMPET DURING MIDDLE SCHOOL.

SASAHARA SATSUKI
YEAR 3, CLASS 2
ASTRONOMY CLUB
PRESIDENT

FUFUFU...
I WAS ACTUALLY THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.!!

YUKAWA HIDEKI
COLLEGE STUDENT
ASTRONOMY CLUB
FORMER MEMBER

BASEBALL.

TAKASE HARUHIKO
YEAR 2, CLASS 1
SOCCER CLUB

I PLAYED SOCCER THE WHOLE TIME. I WASN'T VERY GOOD THOUGH.

AKAGI MASAFUMI
YEAR 3, CLASS 8
STUDENT COUNCIL
PRESIDENT

← RYOUKO-CHAN, I KNOW YOU'RE STILL SERIOUS NOW TOO.

FURUYA HOTARU
YEAR 1, CLASS 3
BROADCASTING CLUB

← ONII-CHAN, YOU WERE THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, RIGHT?!

YOSHINAGA NORIKO
YEAR 2, CLASS 4
WIND ENSEMBLE

← I'VE ALWAYS PLAYED SAX!!

KAGA YUUKI
YEAR 1, CLASS 6
ASTRONOMY CLUB
VICE PRESIDENT

(← WEIRD...)

UCHIMURA CHIAKI
YEAR 2, CLASS 4

BOYS' BASKETBALL!! MY POSITION WAS MOOD MAKER!!

HIMEMIYA ALICE
YEAR 2, CLASS 7
COOKING CLUB

I dunno ☆
Alice has no memories before high school ☆

NORO AKIMASA
YEAR 2, CLASS 1
VOLLEYBALL CLUB

↑ HAH?

MINAGAWA YUKI
YEAR 2, CLASS 1
CLASS REP.
SOFT TENNIS CLUB

IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, I TOOK TENNIS REALLY SERIOUSLY. AT LEAST MORE THAN I DO NOW.

SUGAWARA TAKUROU
YEAR 2, CLASS 4
SOCCER CLUB

I HAVE A NICE MEMORY OF THROWING UP DURING SOCCER PRACTICE IN THE SUMMER...

NANASE KAORU
YEAR 1, CLASS 9
ASTRONOMY CLUB

(← HALF-ASSED...)

IIJIMA KANA
YEAR 2, CLASS 4

I WAS IN THE VOLLEYBALL CLUB. MY LEGS WERE GETTING FAT SO I QUIT IN HIGH SCHOOL.

GOUDA TAKERU
YEAR 2, CLASS 4
VOLLEYBALL CLUB
PRESIDENT

I WAS IN THE BASEBALL CLUB. I USED TO HAVE A SHAVED HEAD BACK THEN.

KAMINE AYAKA
YEAR 2, CLASS 4
TEA CEREMONY CLUB

(← I WANNA SEE THAT...!!)

CHIBA SAYAKA
YEAR 2, CLASS 7
LIBRARY REP.

I played table tennis, although I wasn't any good...

TODA FUYUMI
YEAR 2, CLASS 1

I SPACED OUT.

SUNAGAWA YOSHIHARU
YEAR 2, CLASS 1

I SPACED OUT.

KIRIHARA YOUICHI
YEAR 2, CLASS 7
HOMEROOM TEACHER
ENGLISH TEACHER

↑ IT'S BEEN OVER 15 YEARS NOW, BUT I WAS IN THE TABLE TENNIS CLUB TOO.

Patricia パトリシア コールフィールド Caulfield
YEAR 2, CLASS 4
KARATE CLUB

I STUDIED A TON SO I COULD COME TO JAPAN.

TSUJI KEISUKE
YEAR 2, CLASS 4

← W... WHOA...

KOMATSU TAKAKO
YEAR 2, CLASS 4
HOMEROOM TEACHER
PHY. ED. TEACHER

WELL... I WAS KIND OF A PRANKSTER.

SOUMA CHIHIRO
YEAR 1, CLASS 3
KARATE CLUB

I WAS IN THE ART CLUB. I EVEN WON A SMALL PRIZE FOR A PAINTING OF MY DOG.

SAEJIMA HARUKA
YEAR 3, CLASS 5
KARATE CLUB
FORMER MEMBER

(← CUTE...)

SHIBASAKI ERIKA
YEAR 3, CLASS 8
TEA CEREMONY CLUB
PRESIDENT

In middle school, I played the shamisen at home.

UBUKATA SHINJI
YEAR 3, CLASS 2
LIGHT MUSIC CLUB
PRESIDENT

I LEARNED ABOUT MASTURBATION IN THE FIRST YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL.

UEHARA SATOSHI
YEAR 3, CLASS 2
LIGHT MUSIC CLUB
VICE PRESIDENT

← I STARTED IN THE SIXTH YEAR OF ELEMENTARY.

HATTORI JUNPEI
YEAR 3, CLASS 2
LIGHT MUSIC CLUB

← I WIN. FOURTH YEAR OF ELEMENTARY FOR ME.

SANO KYOUKO
YEAR 3, CLASS 8
TEA CEREMONY CLUB
VICE PRESIDENT

↑ MY LITTLE BROTHER STARTED IN THE SECOND YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL.

MISS WABISABI
YEAR ? CLASS ?
LIGHT MUSIC CLUB

↑ How filthy!!

NAKASONE MAYA
YEAR 2, CLASS 4

HUHH? I STUDIED A TONNN ☆

Tsure★dure children

KURIHARA CHIYO
YEAR 2, CLASS 1
COOKING CLUB

I HAD BEEN LEARNING PIANO FOR A LONG TIME, BUT I ENDED UP STOPPING WHEN EXAMS CAME ALONG...

YAMANE TAKAO
YEAR 2, CLASS 7

PIANO... WOW... I SPENT EVERY DAY BUYING AND SELLING USED GAMES TO PLAY...

YAMADA SAWA
YEAR 2, CLASS 1
GIRLS' BASKETBALL CLUB

I played a lotta basketball! I was the shortest, but I was still a starter!!

MOTOYAMA TOMOMICHI
YEAR 2, CLASS 7
KARATE CLUB

AFTER I SAW A LATE-NIGHT ANIME DURING THE SUMMER BREAK OF MY SECOND YEAR, MY WHOLE LIFE GOT REALLY WEIRD.

ENOMOTO IORI
YEAR 2, CLASS 7

ONE TIME, I BOUGHT A PEN AND SOME INK, BECAUSE I WANTED TO MAKE A MANGA WITH MY FRIEND, BUT I COULDN'T DRAW AT ALL, SO I QUIT RIGHT AWAY LOL.

ONIZUKA KIMIHITO
YEAR 2, CLASS 1

I PLAYED BASEBALL, BUT I WAS ALWAYS ON THE BENCH...

SONOBE KAZUYA
YEAR 2, CLASS 1
STU. CO. SECRETARY
WIND ENSEMBLE

I WAS PLAYING CONTRABASS IN THE WIND ENSEMBLE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL TOO. THE INSTRUMENT WAS BIGGER THAN ME BACK THEN.

NASHIMOTO YUKARI
YEAR 2, CLASS 1
COOKING CLUB

If only I had joined a sports club during middle school...

AKAHANE ASUKA
YEAR 2, CLASS 7
GIRLS' BASKETBALL CLUB

BASKETBALL CLUB THE WHOLE TIME

KATORI SHINICHI
YEAR 3, CLASS 5
DRAMA CLUB
FORMER MEMBER

You wanna know? Back then... I was still just a stray cat (knife)...

HOSOKAWA KAZUKO
YEAR 2, CLASS 4

←!!

TAKASE KOUTAROU
MIDDLE SCHOOL
YEAR 2

GAMES

MATSUURA AYANE
YEAR 2, CLASS 4
DRAMA CLUB
PRESIDENT

The drama club in middle school was full of annoying personal drama...

TAKAHASHI URARA
YEAR 1, CLASS 3
DRAMA CLUB

I did tennis in middle school!! Like spinny spinn☆

NAKAMURA NOZOMI
YEAR 2, CLASS 7
DRAMA CLUB

KENDO

TOUJOU MAI
YEAR 2, CLASS 7
LIBRARY REP.

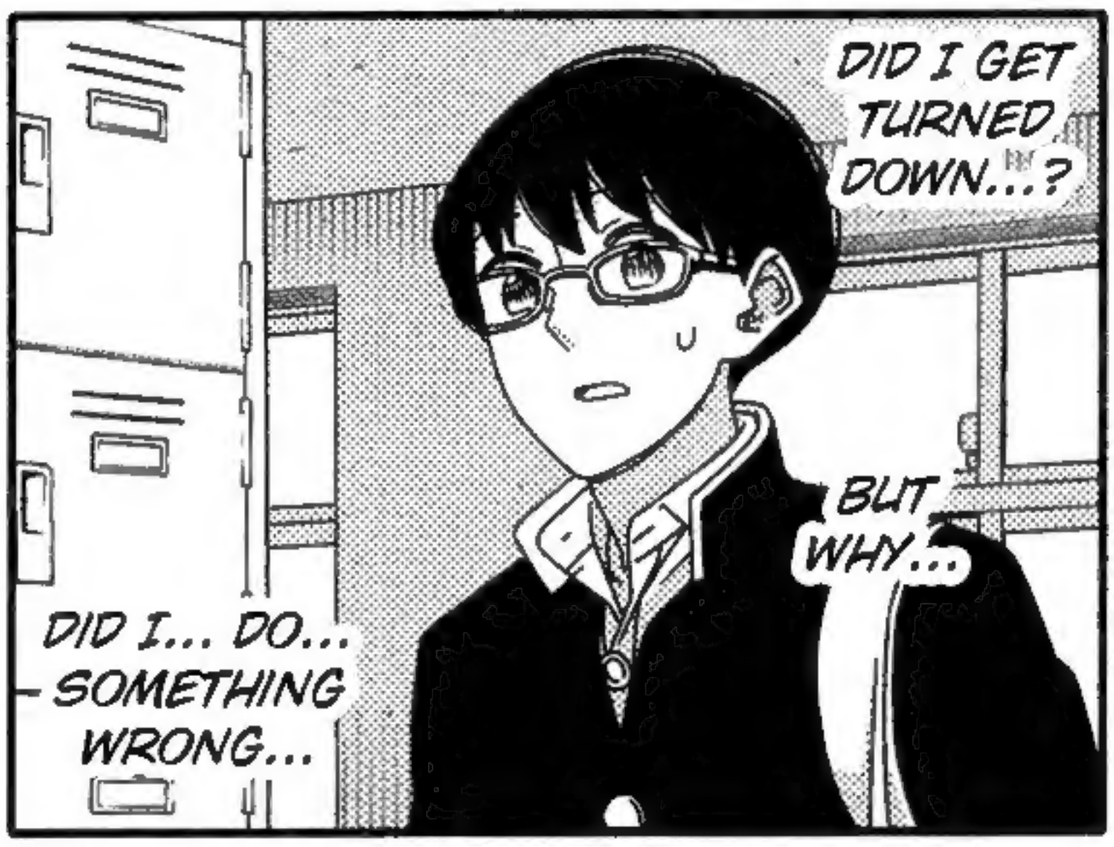
I WAS IN THE LITERATURE CLUB, BUT WE DIDN'T REALLY DO ANYTHING, SO I JUST TALKED TO MY FRIENDS...

OGIUE TAICHI
YEAR 2, CLASS 7
BASKETBALL CLUB

BASKETBALL FOREVER!! I USED TO BE THE CAPTAIN!

MARUO EIJI
YEAR 2, CLASS 7
BASKETBALL CLUB

I RAN TRACK UNTIL THE FIRST YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, BUT THAT GOT BORING, SO I STARTED PLAYING BASKETBALL IN SECOND YEAR.



Afterword

I want you to grow up big and strong... Anyway, this has been volume 9 of "Tsurezure Children." While I was drawing this, I thought back to my time as a student around when the school trip happened, like "this was exam season" or "we already started preparing for the cultural festival by then." Then I realized that the second term was really only three and a half months, and it astounded me how different my sense of time was back then compared to now. Back then, the second term seemed to drag on forever, but now the span from September to December passes by in the blink of an eye. We did so many things in so little time...

I mean, I'm sure we did many things, but now I don't remember any of it...

I feel like lately, these afterwords have been filled with a lot of comparing the present to my teenage years and feeling down about it. If you're wondering whether I want to relive my teenage years, it's nothing like that. My life right now is the best it's ever been, but I still can't help looking back on those times as really beautiful, and I can't really explain why.

Even though I'm a romcom author and I still can't watch romance dramas or anime without thinking, "You know, actually staying in a relationship is way harder than starting a relationship," I'm going to continue drawing all sorts of romcoms. Thank you for staying in this relationship with me for so long. Next up is the cultural festival. Thank you for your support. See you later.

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HEY...!!
WHAT'A YA LOOKIN' FER?!
THIS IS THE GIRLS' ROOM!!

Heyhey heyhey!!
No peeking!!
This is the boys' room!